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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF

Vordel Limited

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FOR: A System and Method for the Signing and  
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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the International Convention, for the purposes of priority, applicant claims the  
benefit of European Application No. 01650149.6, filed December 14, 2001.

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